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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic fiber because they are local, have an excellent customer service and the fastest, most affordable fiber in the area. I work remotely as a small business owner and rely on a fast internet connection for my livelihood. Having real competition is the only reason why I even have access to a service like this. I used to have DSL, but this service far outstrips it.

As a consumer and citizen, I ask that you deny AT&T and USTelecom's petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. For simple economic reasons, the competition is important. Even more so, the fact that as a nation we are going to rely more and more on fast, affordable internet connections to continue to grow our economy and help middle class families prosper. We already are paying higher rates than most developed countries. Please do not reduce competition by granting this petition.

Thank you for your time.

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